



Sunrun submits this testimony in support of HB 639, which clarifies and provides certain standards for establishing whether a restriction or condition on the installation of a rooftop solar energy system is unreasonable. Under current law, there is a question of fact as to when a restriction or condition on the installation of rooftop solar on real property is unreasonable because it either “(i) significantly increases the cost of the solar collector system” or “(ii) Significantly decreases the efficiency of the solar collector system.” Determining what constitutes an unreasonable restriction involves subjective judgment as to what is a “significant” cost increase or decrease in efficiency. Such ambiguity and subjectivity is an invitation to litigation, a cost that would make any residential solar installation uneconomic.

While the solar industry was not the initial proponent of the bill, Sunrun appreciates the hard work of the bill sponsor, the Community Associations Institute, and others on improving the bill through amendments to expand the category of who is qualified to provide a trustworthy estimate of the impact of a condition on the cost or efficiency of a solar installation. This bill represents a meaningful step forward for all parties that will significantly narrow the scope of future disputes and help accelerate the deployment of customer-sited solar resources in Maryland.

Sunrun respectfully requests a favorable report for HB 639.

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